



Transportation Plan Arches National Park



Project Information Sheet

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• Scope of Project •

The following tasks will be completed as part of the development of the Transportation Plan for Arches National Park:

- Data Collection/Research & Existing Conditions Analysis
- Evaluation of Travel Survey Results
- Workshops with Park Staff and Regional Stakeholders
- Public Workshops in Denver, Moab, and Salt Lake City
- Forecasting of Visitation Trends
- Evaluation of Alternative Transportation Strategies
- Environmental Analysis (NEPA Compliance)
- Preparation of the Transportation Plan

Come See the Survey Results and Share Your Ideas about Transportation Options for Arches!

PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday
November 6, 2003
Castle Rock Inn

815 South Main Street
Moab, Utah

877•581•8700 or 435•259•8700

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



The Visitor Center parking lot is frequently full, causing many visitors to miss important information and orientation.

Project Description

The popularity of Arches National Park has grown rapidly in recent years, and the quality and diversity of visitor experiences at many popular attractions in the park have changed over the years. Traffic congestion and crowding occur more frequently at parking areas, trailheads and popular rock formations. During the busy season, long lines of cars wait to enter the park, and the visitor center parking area is often full. Although plans for redesign of the park entrance road and visitor center parking area will alleviate some traffic congestion at the park entrance, the new parking lot will not meet parking demand during peak season.

Based on these conditions, the National Park Service



Overcrowding at popular features forces parking on road shoulders, damaging vegetation and environmentally sensitive soils.

(NPS) has identified the need to develop a Multi-modal Transportation Plan for the park. This transportation plan will begin to address problems that past projects couldn't solve and will use transportation planning strategies to address issues resulting from crowding. The plan will focus on the needs of the park, but will also consider potential transportation alternatives and solutions that might be beneficial to the City of Moab and vicinity. A variety of potential strategies and

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approaches will be considered for mitigating transportation problems to meet the goals and objectives of the park's General Management Plan (GMP) and Visitor Experience and Resource Protection (VERP) Plan. Options such as bicycle and pedestrian facilities, shuttle service, parking lot and trailhead enhancements, and congestion management through varying fee structures and/or reservation systems will be evaluated.

Project Update

Since the first project information sheet was distributed in January 2003, the Project Team has gone through an in-depth public involvement process that included public workshops in February and distribution of



During peak periods, long lines form at park entrance station.

visitor surveys in the Park over the spring and summer of 2003. The team is continuing to collect and analyze data and information, prior to identifying and analyzing potential transportation alternatives beginning this fall. The schedule for the development of the Transportation Plan is depicted below. Look for periodic updates on the progress of the Transportation Plan and additional public meeting announcements in the future as the project proceeds.

Public Invited

The public is invited to attend a meeting on November 6, 2003 to view the visitor survey results and the existing conditions analysis. The project team will give a presentation at 7:00p.m. Public input on possible transportation options also will be an important purpose of the meeting. Refer to the announcement on page 1 for the time and location of this meeting.

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Arches National Park PROJECT SCHEDULE

	2002	2003	2004
	O N D	J F M A M J J A S O N D	J F M A M J J A S O N
Project Start Up			
Data Collection/Identify Future Data Needs	C O M P L E T E		
1st Park Workshop: Issues Analysis/Public Meetings		◆	
Travel Surveys Developed, Conducted & Analyzed		C O M P L E T E	
Forecasting of Visitation Trends			
2nd Park Workshop: Alternatives Development/Public Meeting			◆
Transportation Plan Preparation & Environmental Analysis			
Draft Transportation Plan Available for Public Review			◆

(Estimated Date)